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FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

TO AMEMBASSY LOME

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 7449

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SUBJECT: FONMINS AFRICAN TRIP

REF: SAIGON 15495

1. WE HAVE MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR TRAN CONCERNING FONMIN BAC'S PROSPECTIVE VISIT MONROVIA BUT HAVE LEFT MATTERS VERY MUCH IN TRAN'S HANDS. TRAN INFORMED ME OVER WEEKEND THAT GOL HAD ONCE AGAIN CONFIRMED THAT NO RPT NO POSSIBILITY OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S RECEIVING BAC ON WEEKEND OF JAN 10-12. GOL FEELS IT WAS QUITE FORTHCOMING IN OFFERING ARRANGE PROGRAM DURING WEEK JAN 13-17, AND DOES NOT SEE WHY BAC INSISTS ON WEEKEND SCHEDULE FOR MONROVIA IN VIEW LENGTH HIS ABSENCE FROM SAIGON. ABM. TRAN SAYS HE HAS TRIED IMPRESS ON BAC THAT GOL UNLIKELY TO RELENT AND LIBERIAN VISIT WITHOUT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT UNLIKELY PRODUCE RESULTS DESERVED BY GVN.

2. I CAN ONLY UNDERScore TRAN'S REASONING. FRONMIN BAC WILL GET LITTLE IF ANY OFFICIAL ATTENTION HERE IF HE INSISTS ON WEEKEND VISIT. NOR WILL HE MAKE MANY FRIENDS FOR SVN. I ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE GREAT MISTAKE FOR BAC TO CANCEL
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LIBERIAN VISIT IN VIEW OF PROTRACTED DISCUSSIONS OF BAC'S

VISIT. I FEEL BAC SHOULD ACCOMMODATE HIS SCHEDULE TO GOL
DESIRES IF HE WISHES RECEIVE KIND OF TREATMENT HE APPARENTLY
SEEKS FROM GOL. PERHAPS BAC COULD REMAIN LONGER IN MOROCCO
TO PERMIT ARRIVAL MONROVIA JANUARY 12 OR 13.

3. IF AMEMBASSY LONDON OR LOME HAVE OPPORTUNITY, ABOVE
CONSIDERATIONS MIGHT BE BROUGHT TO BAC'S ATTENTION. EMBASSY
SAIGON MIGHT ALSO CONVEY THEM TO LE QUANG GIANG.
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